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Manufacturer,

191, STRAND,

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L O N D O N.

TIME brings changes of all sorts—good, bad, and indifferent. Happily, those it has wrought in fishing-tackle are various and important. The trade in it has greatly increased during the last twenty years, and the improvements in its manufacture have more than kept pace with augmented sale. My stock, in the large variety designated by the words “fishing-tackle,” has for its accommodation and display ample and well-lit premises, that the purchaser may be able to examine the workmanship of each article, and that he may not be hampered by confined space from testing the balance of rods.

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patronage at the hands of the nobility, gentry, and public at large. Whilst I express my thankfulness and gratitude for past favours, I promise, in order to insure a continuance of them, watchful and increased exertion to insure the perfected production of all articles I manufacture and sell.

In no branch of the art of angling have so many improvements taken place as in the very highest branch of it, viz., artificial fly-fishing, particularly for trout and salmon. I have closely studied these improvements, and carried the best of them into effect. I have consulted the best modern writers, and advised with the most celebrated living fly-fishers, and the result is that I have now an extensive collection of fly-rods, for trout and salmon, made of the very best woods, and most accurately fitted and balanced according to the most approved of models; with an inexhaustible variety of artificial flies for salmon and trout, &c., dressed by experienced and practical fly-fishers, embracing general and local patterns, and, above all, those recommended for trout and grayling in Ronalds's "Fly-fisher's Entomology," and in Ephemera's "Handbook of Angling;" and those for salmon, grilse, and sea-trout, for every river in the Empire, depicted by the pencil and described by the pen in "The Book of the Salmon," that "Bridgewater" angling treatise written by our friendly piscatorial sapper and miner, Ephemera, of *Bell's Life*.

In presenting the following Catalogue to the Brotherhood of Anglers, I wish it to be well understood that its prices are for articles of the best description, as all my rods and tackle are manufactured on the premises, under my own superintendence, to suit the various purposes required, and finished as they ought to be; and that they differ materially from the slop-rubbish vended by persons professing to be makers, and sold to disappoint, disgust, and take in unwary purchasers, instead of taking out wary fish.

I flatter myself that the quality of my stock will speak for itself; and, whilst doing so, take the opportunity of respectfully inviting my brother anglers to inspect it, convinced that in price it is most economical, in make faultless, in execution and durable power for capturing all sorts of river and lake fish, unsurpassed.

Merchants, Country Dealers, and the trade supplied on the most reasonable terms for cash.—N.B. A choice selection of tackle, specially suited for England, Scotland, Ireland, Wales, the whole European Continent, America, Norway, Sweden, and the East Indies. Tackle Cases, completely fitted for any part of the world, from £5 to £100. .

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TROUT, GRAYLING, CHUB, AND
SALMON FLIES
DRESSED TO ANY PATTERN,
FIRMLY AND PRECISELY,
AT THE SHORTEST NOTICE.**

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Bottom Rods.

				s.	d.
Two joint hazel, tin ferrules		0	6
Three ditto		0	9
Two ditto, whalebone tops		0	9
Three ditto	...	...		1	0
Two ditto, brass ferrules	...	...		1	0
Three ditto	...	...		1	6
Four ditto	...	...		2	0
Five ditto	...	...		2	6
Three ditto, hazel, superior butts	...	...		3	0
Four ditto	...	...		4	0
Five ditto	...	...		5	0
Three ditto, for trolling, ringed	...	...		4	0
Four ditto	...	...		5	0

Hickory Rods.

Three joint	...	...	...	...	5	0
Four ditto	...	...	...	...	6	0
Three ditto, ringed	...	...	...	...	6	6
Four ditto	...	...	...	...	7	6
Three ditto, braized	...	...	...	...	9	0
Four ditto	...	...	...	...	10	0
Five ditto	...	...	...	...	12	6
Three ditto, winch fittings and bag	...	...	...	...	12	6
Four ditto	...	...	...	...	13	6
Five ditto	...	...	...	...	15	6
Four ditto, Thames or Barbel Rods, 2 tops, braized, winch fittings and bag					15	0
Five ditto	...	...	...	...	20	0

Bamboo Rods.

			s.	d.
Three joint, with brass ferrules	...	...	2	0
Four	ditto	...	3	0
Five	ditto	...	4	6
Six	ditto	...	6	6
Three ditto, spliced bamboo	...	...	3	6
Four	ditto	...	5	0
Five	ditto	...	6	6
Six	ditto	...	8	0
Three ditto, ringed	...	...	4	6
Four	ditto	...	6	0
Five	ditto	...	7	6
Six	ditto	...	9	0
Three ditto, braized and ringed	...	...	5	6
Four	ditto	...	7	0
Five	ditto	...	8	6
Six	ditto	...	10	0
Four do, best bamboo, braized & ringed, spliced top, and winch fittings, bag, &c.	...	...	10	0
Five	ditto	...	12	0
Six	ditto	...	14	0

Trolling and Bottom Rods.

Four joint hickory, two tops	...	...	8	0
Four ditto, best plain ringed	...	...	10	0
Five	ditto	...	12	0
Four ditto, braized	...	...	12	0
Five	ditto	...	14	0
Four ditto, winch fittings	...	...	17	0
Four do, winch fittings, socket spear & bag	...	...	21	0
Four ditto ditto, upright rings	...	...	25	0
<i>Bamboo, Trolling, and other Rods in every variety.</i>				

Trolling Rods.

			s.	d.
Three joint hickory, ringed	...	...	7	0
Four	ditto	...	10	0
Five	ditto	...	12	6
Three ditto, braized	...	...	9	6
Four	ditto	...	12	6
Five	ditto	...	14	0
Four ditto, winch fittings	...	...	16	0
Five	ditto	...	18	6
Four ditto, superior	...	...	20	0
Five	ditto	...	22	6

East India Cane Spinning and
Trolling Rods.

Three joint, winch fittings, braized and ringed	...	...	...	...	15	0
Four	ditto	...	...	...	20	0
Four ditto, two tops	...	...	...	...	25	0
Four ditto, stand-up rings	...	...	...	...	30	0
Four ditto, superior	...	...	...	...	35	0

Also a large assortment of superior Trolling
Rods in every variety.

Bamboo Pocket Rods.

Six joint, best make, double braized	...	...	20 0 to	28 0
Seven	ditto		24 0 to	30 0
Eight	ditto		26 0 to	32 0
Nine	ditto		28 0 to	35 0
Ten	ditto		30 0 to	40 0

Fly Rods.

				s.	d.
Three joint hickory	...	...	...	7	6
Four ditto	...	...	...	8	6
Three ditto, ringed	...	...	...	9	0
Four ditto	...	...	...	10	0
Three ditto, braized	...	...	...	10	6
Four ditto	...	...	...	12	0
Five ditto	...	...	...	15	0
Four ditto, winch fittings and bag	...	...	...	15	0
Three joint best hickory, with two tops ringed, braized, socket spear, winch fittings, and partition bag	...	...	...	20	0
Four ditto 12 feet	...	...	...	21	0
Four ditto 13 feet	...	...	...	25	0
Four ditto 14 feet	...	...	...	28	0
Four ditto 15 feet	...	...	...	30	0
Five ditto 12 feet	...	...	...	25	0
Six ditto	...	...	...	28	0
Seven ditto	...	...	...	30	0
Eight ditto	...	...	...	34	0
Nine ditto, for pocket	...	...	...	36	0
Ten ditto	...	...	...	40	0
Walking-stick fly rods	from 20 to			42	0

Superior fancy Fly Rods of every description.

East India Cane, Bamboo, Hickory, Spinning, May-fly, Splice, White Cane, and Punt Rods of every description. Rods made to order, and manufactured on the premises with dispatch.

Salmon Rods.

	s.	d.
Four joint hickory, ringed, braized, winch fittings, socket spear, and bag, 16 feet	20	0
Ditto, 17 feet	25	0
Ditto, 18 feet	30	0
Four joint hickory, ditto, 2 tops, ringed, braized, winch fittings, socket spear, and partition bag, 16 feet	35	0
Ditto 17 feet	40	0
Ditto 18 feet	45	0
Four ditto, best, 3 tops, 16 feet	50	0
Ditto 17 feet	55	0
Ditto 18 feet	63	0
Ditto 19 feet	70	0
Five ditto 20 feet	80	0

Spliced and East India Cane, and a great variety of highly finished Salmon Rods.

The above rods are warranted.

Gentlemen supplied with the necessary Tackle for India, Norway or Canada, at a moment's notice, of superior manufacture and at moderate prices.

Walking-Stick Rods.

Three-joint bamboo, hazel top	2	6
Four ditto	4	0
Three ditto, screw ferrules	3	6
Four ditto	5	6
Three ditto, best spliced tops	5	0
Four ditto	7	0
Three ditto, ringed	7	0
Four ditto	10	0
Three ditto, ash butt	10 0 to	15 0
Four ditto	14 0 to	21 0
Five ditto	21 0 to	30 0

Superior fancy ditto, up to £2 2s.

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General Rods.

Four joint best hickory general rods, s. d.			
with 2 tops, winch fittings, socket			
spear, and partition bag	...	...	20 0
Four ditto, 3 tops	...	...	25 0
Four ditto, 4 tops	...	...	28 0
Four ditto, 5 tops	...	...	30 0
Five ditto, 4 tops	...	...	30 0
Five ditto, 5 tops	...	...	35 0
Six ditto, 5 tops	...	...	40 0

Superior finished general rods up to £3 10s.

Winches.

1½ inch diameter, Town-made plain	...	1 6
1½ do. PLAIN	2 0	MULTIPLIERS 4 0
1¾ ditto	2 6	ditto ... 5 0
2 ditto	3 0	ditto ... 6 6
2¼ ditto	3 6	ditto ... 8 0
2½ ditto	4 0	ditto ... 10 0
2¾ ditto	5 0	ditto ... 11 6
3 ditto	6 0	ditto ... 13 6
3¼ ditto	7 0	ditto ... 16 0
3½ ditto	8 0	ditto ... 20 0

The check winches are 6d. less than the multipliers. The multiplying and check 2s. extra.

N.B.—Superior winches, with spring reverse and improved plate handles, and all the latest improvements.

Reels.

For one line in boxwood, 4d.; ditto two lines, 6d.; ditto three lines, 9d.; ditto four lines, 1s.; ditto five lines, 1s. 3d.; ditto six lines, 1s. 6d.

Reels for two lines, with box in centre, to contain shot, caps, plummet, &c., 1s. 6d.; ditto for four lines, 2s.; ditto for six ditto, 2s. 6d.

An assortment fitted with Lines from 1s. to 30s.

Artificial Flies.

The best Trout flies, on Limerick hooks,	s.	d.
or to pattern per doz.	2	0
Ditto Chub or May-flies 3s. to	4	0
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Ditto Salmon 5s. to	40	0
Ditto Pike each 1s. to	5	0

A large and superior assortment of Salmon, Grilse, and Mahseer flies, suitable for India, Norway, Scotland, Ireland, and Wales, and the European and American Continents, made by a practical salmon-fisher. Flies dressed to any pattern. Materials for Fly dressing, pig's down, seal's and other furs, mohair, silk, feathers, tinsel, &c.

Trout and Salmon Fly Lines.

Twenty yards patent taper best	s. d.	s. d.
silk and hair Trout fly lines,		
warranted	1 6 to	3 0
Thirty ditto	2 6 to	5 0
Forty	3 6 to	6 6
Fifty	4 0 to	8 0
Fifty ditto, for Salmon	8 0 to	12 6
Sixty ditto	10 0 to	15 0
Seventy ditto	12 0 to	18 0
Eighty ditto	14 0 to	20 0
One hundred ditto	16 0 to	25 0

Plaited Silk and Hair, cable laid, plaited taper silk waterproofed, Welsh taper, and a variety of other lines, of superior manufacture.

Fly Tackle and Trolling Cases.

			s.	d.		s.	d.
Fly cases	...	...	0	9	to	20	0
Bottom ditto	...	...	1	0	to	10	0
Universal ditto	...	...	5	0	to	20	0
Trolling	...	...	2	0	to	10	6
Spinning	...	...	4	6	to	20	0
Dubbing	...	...	5	0	to	20	0

Also a large assortment in Morocco and Russia leather.

Lines for Trolling.

Twenty yards 6-thread water cord	...	0	4
Thirty ditto	...	0	6
Forty ditto	...	0	8
Twenty yards of Derby silk line	...	1	0
Thirty ditto	...	1	6
Twenty ditto best ditto	...	1	6
Thirty ditto	...	2	0
Forty ditto	...	3	0
Twenty ditto, patent 8-plait silk	...	3	4
Thirty ditto	...	5	0
Forty ditto	...	6	6
Fifty ditto	...	8	0
Sixty ditto	...	9	6

The prepared 8-plait waterproof trolling line at one penny per yard extra.

Paniers.

First size, each, 3s. 6d.; second ditto, 4s.; third ditto, 5s.; fourth ditto, 6s.; fifth ditto, 7s. 6d.; sixth ditto, 9s.; seventh ditto, 10s. 6d.; outsize, 14s. Brass mounted, 7s. extra.

Artificial Gudgeon and Minnows.

Archimedian, Pectoral, Colonel			s. d.	s. d.
Hawkers	...	...	2 6	and 3 0
Ditto Gudgeon	...	...	4 0	and 5 0
Phantom Minnows	...	...	2 6	and 3 6
Ditto Gudgeon	...	...	4 0	and 6 0
India-rubber and Gutta-percha				
Gudgeon	...	...	3 0	and 5 0
Spoon Baits	...	...	1 0	to 2 6
Ditto Gudgeon size	...	...	3 0	to 6 0
Glass Minnows	...	...	2 6	to 3 6
Ditto Gudgeon	...	...	4 0	to 7 6
Brass Minnows	...	...	2 0	to 3 6
Ditto Gudgeon	...	...	3 6	to 6 0
Gilt ditto	...	...	3 0	to 5 0
Gudgeon	...	...	6 0	to 10 0
Pearl ditto	...	...	2 6	to 5 0
Artificial Mice	...	...	...	2 6
Ditto Frogs	...	...	...	1 0
Flexible Fly Minnows	...	...	each	0 6
Artificial Worms and Gentles	...	...	...	0 3
Ditto Beetles, Wasps, Bees, Grasshoppers,				
and Cockchafers, &c., per dozen				
			4 0	to 6 0

Upwards of fifty different sorts of Minnows on hand.

SILKWORM GUT.—Per Hank, 4d., 6d., and 9d.
Ditto, good, 1s., 1s. 6d., and 2s. Superior, 2s. 6d.,
3s., 4s., and 5s. Salmon ditto, from 5s. to 15s.

Picked links of extra fine strong Salmon and Trout gut in dozens.

BAITS.—Live Minnows, per doz., 6d.; Live Gudgeon, 1s.; Prepared Salmon Roe, per pot, 1s., 2s., and 3s.

Hooks.

	s.	d.
Best gut hooks, per doz. 6d., 9d., and	1	0
Super ditto, extra fine or stout ...	1	6
Ditto, single hair, 1d. each, or per doz...	0	9
Eel hooks to wire	0	9
Ditto double, small size	1	0
Ditto, large size	2	0
Best gimp hooks	2	0
Ditto double	3	0
Kirby hooks, per hundred	1	0
Superfine Trout hooks, per hundred ...	1	6
Ditto Salmon 3s. to	6	0
Ditto Limerick bend, 2s.; Salmon, 4s. to	10	0
Ditto Eel hooks	1	0
Gorge hooks with gimp per doz. 4s. to	6	0
Double braized hooks ditto ...	1	6
Treble ditto ditto 2s., 2s. 6d., and	3	0
Carlisle, sneck, Lip, Kendal, fine wire ...	2	0

Whiting, Mackerel, Cod, and large sea hooks.
Shark hooks, with chain and swivel.

Sole agent in London for Phillip's Dublin
Hooks.

Landing Handles.

Hazel Landing Handles, each	0	6
Bamboo ditto	1	6
Superior ditto, 4ft. long 2s. to	2	6
Two joint bamboo, telescope handle with brass screw ferrules 4s. 6d. to	7	6
Three joint ditto 6s. 6d. to	10	0
Two joint ditto, with caps	4	0
Three joint ditto	6	0

Gut and Sundry Lines.

		s.	d.
Gut lines, per yard	2d., 3d., and	0	4
Extra stout or fine	... ..	0	4
Salmon ditto	... 6d., 9d., and	1	0
Twisted Salmon gut	... ..	0	8
Three yards single hair lines	3d. or	0	6
Ditto with twisted top	... ..	0	6
Seven yards best and finest China twist		0	4
Hank of ditto	... .. 1s.	1	6
Twisted hair line, with float, hook, and winder	... .. 1d. to	0	4
China twist lines, ditto	... ..	0	6
Best silk lines, ditto	... 9d. or	1	0
Gut ditto, mounted	... .. from	1	0
Eel lines, with 20 yards of water cord, 10 hooks, bullet, and winder	... ..	0	6
Ditto 40 yards, with 20 hooks	... ..	1	0
Ditto on bank runner	... 1s. 6d. to	2	6

Floats.

Best bound quill floats	1d., 2d., 3d. and	0	4
Thames floats, various	6d., 9d., and	1	0
Reed ditto	... 3d., 4d., and	0	6
Large ditto	... 9d. to	2	0
Best small cork floats	... ..	0	2
Ditto Perch	... ..	0	3
Large ditto	... 4d. and	0	6
Ditto Jack ditto	... 9d. and	2	0
Thames porcupine cork	from 6d. to	2	6
Patent taper quill floats for roach fishing	... 6d. to	5	0

Casting and other Nets.

			s.	d.
Bait kettle, or gold-fish nets	...	...	0	9
Landing Nets	...	...	0	6
Ditto larger	...	9d. and	1	0
Ditto small mesh	...	1 6 to	3	6
Salmon landing nets	...	1 6 to	5	0
Live bait or drum nets, 1 9, 2 6, 3 6, &			5	0
Minnow wonders, 18-inch	...	...	3	6
Ditto 20-inch	...	...	5	6
Ditto 22-inch	...	...	7	6
Eight-yard gudgeon cast net	...	...	18	0
Ten yards ditto	...	...	24	0
Twelve ditto	...	...	28	0
Fourteen ditto	...	...	32	0
Sixteen ditto	...	...	36	0
Six-yard minnow	...	...	24	0
Eight ditto	...	...	30	0

Other nets equally moderate. Netting for preserving fruit trees, 3d. per yard, two yards wide; or 1d. per square yard; or 6d. per yard, four yards wide.

Silk Casting nets, and waterproof nets, in variety.

Landing Rings.

Iron landing rings, each	9d. and	1	0
Ten-inch folding ditto	...	2	0
Twelve-inch ditto	...	2	6
Fourteen-inch ditto	...	3	6
Sixteen-inch ditto	...	4	6

Gimp.

Common, per yard 2d.	Best	...	3d.
Stout ... 4d.	Stoutest	...	6d.

Sundries connected with Fishing.

			s.	d.
Panier Straps	... ..	from 1s.	2	6
Best Swivels, 3d. each	... ..	per doz.	2	6
Farlow's patent ditto, 4d. each,	... ..	per doz.	3	0
Clearing rings	... ..	... ..	0	2
Brass jointed ditto, mounted	... ..	2s. to	4	0
Twisting engines	... ..	... from	5	0
Ledger lines	... ..	... 1s. to	1	6
Bank runners	... ..	6d., 9d., and	1	0
Ditto furnished with 20 yards of water	... ..	cord, double hook, bullet & swivel, 1s. to	2	6
Baiting needles	... ..	... ..	0	2
Disgorgers	... ..	... ..	0	2
Rod bags	... ..	... from 6d. to	2	0
Ditto, with partitions	... ..	... ..	2	6
Shot pliers	... ..	... ..	1	6
Ditto cutters	... ..	... ..	1	6
Five pronged eel spears	... ..	... ..	2	6
Seven ditto	... ..	... ..	3	6
Nine ditto	... ..	... ..	4	6
Gimp traces with two box swivels,	... ..	9d. to	1	0
Gut ditto	... ..	9d. to	1	0
Ditto for the Thames	... ..	2s. to	4	0
Trout spinning tackle	... ..	9d. to	1	0
Jack or Pike ditto	... ..	9d. to	1	0
Paternosters	... ..	... ..	1	6
Best bound flat caps, 2d. per doz., gross	... ..	... ..	1	6
Rod rings	2d. per doz.	per gross	1	6
Tin bait boxes	... ..	1d. to	1	6
Japanned ditto	... ..	4d. to	2	0
Ditto spinning tackle boxes	... ..	2s. to	4	0
Bait kettles	... ..	1s. 6d. to	10	6

Landing and Gaff Hooks.

	s.	d.
Trout landing hooks each	1	6
Trout landing hooks and folding knife...	2	0
Ditto folding hook and knife	3	6
Salmon gaffs 2s. to	6	0
Steelyards for 3 to 40 lbs., 4s. to 15s.		

A VARIETY OF WORKS ON ANGLING.

Amongst others, Ephemera's "Handbook of Angling," his "Book of the Salmon," and his illustrated edition of Walton; Ronalds's "Fly Fisher's Entomology;" Hofland's "British Angler's Manual;" Wheatley's "Rod and the Line," &c. C. Farlow can procure for his customers every work extant upon angling.

Worm and ground-bait bags, plummets, split shot, fishing baskets and bags, stools, spliced tops, pierced bullets, barrel and ledger leads, minnow caps, perch leads, sandwich boxes, liquor flasks.—Charles Farlow, sole agent in London for Brown's Phantom Minnow, and for Allies' patent Archimedian Minnow. The above baits are strongly recommended to anglers on account of their transparency, the evenness with which they revolve, and the extraordinary life-like appearance when used for trolling baits for salmon, trout, and other fish of prey; 2s. 6d. and 3s., forwarded by post on receipt of a Post-office order. Extra large size, mounted, 5s. and 6s.

THE SALMON.



INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE YOUNG ANGLER.

DESCRIPTION OF TACKLE.

The ROD I should recommend for Fly-fishing for Trout and Grayling is a 4-joint one; butt ash, middle pieces hickory, with a spliced bamboo top; the whole twelve feet long, gradually tapering from butt to top, with winch fittings, rings not too small, of practical balance, and so not top-heavy.

For Trolling or Spinning, use a bamboo or hickory rod, from 12 to 16 feet long, with upright rings, made strong and light, so as to cast the bait a long distance with ease.

For Bottom-fishing from the bank, a long hickory or bamboo rod, with various tops to suit all purposes.

For Punt-fishing use one about 10 feet long that will strike well at the point.

The WINCH I should advise would be a Multiplying Check, or plain multiplier for Fly-fishing, for Trout and Grayling; to hold about 30 yards of line.

For Trolling, a Plain Check constructed to hold about 60 yards of line.

For Salmon, the same, to hold 100 yards.

Let your winch be full large in proportion to the line, or it will not wind up pleasantly.

The Salmon rod should vary from 16 feet to 19 in length. Its butt should be of the lightest best-grained and well-seasoned ash, its middle pieces of strong elastic hickory, and its top of lancewood, terminating with bamboo-cane. Its rings should be large and strong. A Salmon rod of three joints, the top spliced, suits persons living near Salmon rivers.

The RUNNING LINE for Fly-fishing should be made of good silk and horsehair plaited together; at the end of which have a loop about half an inch long to fasten your gut casting-line to (which should be about three yards long, taper, and strong in proportion to the size of the fish you expect to catch); at each end of the gut line you must have a loop, one to slip your running line through, and another at the fine end of the gut for attaching the fly link. This operation is not easily explained by writing, but C. Farlow will be glad to show his customers how it is to be done.

The Trolling Line should be made of plaited silk, waterproofed, which, if well done, will render it more durable than any other.

FLOATS are made in different ways. A porcupine's quill will answer very well for still water, or where there is but little stream.

A cork float is preferable for Perch or Barbel fishing, and for the Thames generally. For Roach, Dace, &c., you must always use as fine a tipped cap float as the stream will suffer to pass steadily along. I always use a tipped cap float, either of quill or reeds, for Bottom-fishing. If live-bait fishing for Jack, then a large cork float is necessary, so that the bait may not be able to swim away in all directions.

The PLUMMET is a piece of lead, cast with a ring at the top, and some cork, to stick the point of the hook in, at the bottom. When used, place your float so that when your plumb touches the bottom, the top of the float may be, for large fish, two inches above the water; for small fish, one inch.

The HOOK should be in proportion to the size of the bait, taking care not to have it too large, or too long in the shank.

The LINE in Bottom-fishing should be three feet from the surface of the water to the rod, in order that you may not have too much between the top of your rod and the float.

The following articles will be found necessary:—Some Split Shot, large and small; a few Float Caps, and a sufficient quantity of

spare Hooks tied on; a Landing Net, or Gaff, a Clearing Ring, a Disgorger, a Tin Box to put your Gentles in, a Bag with damp moss for Worms, and a Pocket Book for the purpose of holding all the smaller articles in a compact form; Zinc Bait-kettle, and Baiting Needles.

BAITS. Worms and Gentles are the best. Plain PASTE should be made of the crumb of bread dipped in water, and well worked up into a dough with clean hands.

GREAVES. These should be scalded over night, and the whitest pieces picked for your hook. Soft yellow cheese will kill Chub.

WORMS. The small lively Marsh-worm is the best for Trout, Tench, Carp, Perch; the Dew-worm for Barbel and Chub. The Red-worm is best for small fish; the Blood-worm for Gudgeons and Prussian Carp. The Brandling is very good for Perch and Trout. Take care you have not too much of the tail parts hanging loose, or the fish will take them off without touching the hook.

For Ground-bait, a stale loaf well soaked and mixed with bran, made into small balls, is good for Roach, Dace, Chub. Chopped Dew-worms, mixed with clay, are the best for Barbel. Gentles, mixed with Clay and Bran, or used loose where there is no stream, are good general ground-baits. Always throw your ground-bait in at the top of the swim, or above your punt.

THE TROUT.



FLY-FISHING,

In throwing a FLY, the most common fault of a young beginner is, not waiting until the line takes its sweep round, and over the shoulder, after lifting it off the water; he mostly returns it too quickly, which causes it either to fall in the water too heavily, or smack like a whip, and so lose the fly. The best thing he can do is to observe one who has had experience in the art; then take a light rod, and let out 8 yards of line, with a small palmer at the end, and throw across or down the stream, until he can feel some confidence in the direction it will fall, taking care at the same time that as little reel line as possible falls on the water with it; when he can manage this well, he may let out another yard or two of line, and so on till he can command the water he frequents. With a light rod, with 10 to 12 yards of line thrown

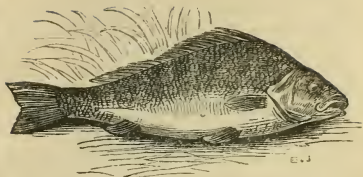
straight forward and lightly, he will be more likely to succeed than with a greater length managed with less skill.

If you get a rise, strike quickly, but not hard, as the least motion of the hand will hook your fish. If a Trout, you may both see and feel him, as he often takes the fly quickly enough to hook himself. Never strike at a fish until you *feel* he has taken your fly.

When you hook a fish, do not lift him out with your rod, but play him gently, as raising a fish of one pound that way will strain it more than killing by fair play a fish of seven. The most likely places to succeed with a fly are mill tails, weirs, scours, where two rivers join, or at the edge of a bed of weeds, where the water runs fast. Chub delight in deep holes under trees, and rise slowly.

The most useful flies are the red fly, blue dun, March brown, coddung fly, stone fly, grannam, or green tail, spider fly, black gnat, black caterpillar, little iron blue, yellow sally, Marlow buzz, yellow May fly, or cadow, grey drake, orl fly, fern fly, red spinner, blue gnat, large red and black ant, hazel fly, little red and black ant, whirling blue, little pale blue, willow fly, moths, red, brown, and black palmers, oak fly, Hoffland's fancy, Carshalton cocktail, Coch-y-bonddu, hare's ear-and-yellow, the "coachman," and the "governor." The best days for fly-fishing are sombre, warm, breezy ones, weather-glass pointing to "fair."

THE PERCH.



BOTTOM-FISHING.

First plumb your depth and throw in some ground-bait; then let your bait fall quietly in the upper part of the swim, keeping the point of your rod over the float; when it gets as far as your ground-bait, let it rest a little, remove it gently, and do as before. When you get a bite, indicated by the float being shook or snatched under water, strike immediately (which is to be done by a smartish stroke, jerking the point of your rod obliquely over the float). If you hook a fish, and he offers little resistance, you may lift him out of the water at once; but should it be a large fish, you must let him have more line, until he suffers himself to be turned by little force; you must then keep him tight, working him towards you, by winding up, and by, when he again plunges, easing your hand towards him, that he may not break your

tackle. By following this plan, you must soon tire him out; then use your landing-net.

In Pond-fishing, the principal causes of success are ground-bait, a fine bottom-line, a clean, lively bait, and quiet water. If you bait with a red worm, and there are Bream, Rudd, and other fish in the water, use a fine wire hook, No. 9 or 10.

Live Gudgeons and Dace 1s. per dozen; live Minnows, 6d. Kept on the premises.

The following is another way of making ground-baits. For Roach and Dace: A mixture of adhesive clay and bran well worked together, and pieces of the size of a small egg thrown in where you fish. For Barbel and Chub: Clay, bran, and meal, kneaded together; form into balls the size of a cricket-ball, and in the interior put as many gentles and worms as possible. Nearly all sorts of river fish, the coarser kinds especially, are attracted by this ground-bait, which is especially good in deeps where heavy fish abound. Soaked greaves, mixed with clay, is a good ground-bait for Barbel. See page 22.

THE PIKE.



TROLLING FOR PIKE.

The most easy and successful method is with the gorge hook. To use this you must have a baiting-needle, which enter at the mouth of the bait, pass it all through the body, and bring it out at the tail, dragging the gimp and hooks through till they meet the corners of the mouth. Let the barbs point upwards, and then tie some thread round the tail to prevent its tearing when it catches the weeds; now add this to your trace, and all is ready. Having your bait prepared, proceed to cast it forth into such places as you think likely to contain a fish, letting it dive to the bottom, then draw it up gently, so as just to cause it to twirl round as it rises, let it sink again and proceed as before, till the line is close to you.

When you get a bite, which you will perceive by the bait being suddenly pulled, held fast, or sometimes only shook, immediately hold the

point of your rod down, and with the left hand keep two or three yards of loose line ready, that the fish may not be checked when he runs. If he lie still two or three minutes, shake the line, and run again, you may wind in the loose line and strike. When exhausted, lead him to a suitable spot, and land him. Observe, when the pike is on the feed, you can hardly lose him by any other means than by not giving him time to pouch the bait.

The LIVE BAIT is used as follows: To two feet of gimp, not too coarse, whip a rather fine wired double hook; at the other end of the gimp make a small loop; then pass one of the hooks between the skin and the flesh, close by the front of the back fin. A new way of fishing with live bait is to place round the shoulders of it an elastic, tight-fitting India-rubber band, and in it affix the hook. By baiting in this way, the live bait receives no injury. A single hook is used by passing it through the lips of the bait, or, better, beneath the skin, close by the bottom and side of the back fin.

Your float should be placed on your silk line, just above your shots or bullet, to keep the fish down the gimp. The float, of cork, should be very large, to keep the fish from the bottom.

Many large pike are also taken with a live bait attached to a trimmer, or large floating cork.

GENERAL REMARKS.

Windy weather (if from the west or south) suits both Jack and Perch, and they like the quiet parts of rivers. In January and February Jack and Pike are in pairs; at which time, if you take one, put on a fresh bait, and try close by for the other. During these months they feed eagerly; and note this, a Jack generally takes a bait in his mouth across the body, and always swallows its head foremost.

The TROUT frequents the sharpest rivers near waterfalls, mill-tails, &c., and feeds upon insects, worms, flies, or small fish; for method of catching them, see Fly-fishing, p. 23.

A more alluring bait cannot be had than the Archimedian Minnow, or my "flexibles."

PERCH are found in ponds and rivers, where they will grow to four or five pounds in weight. They are easily caught with a strong gut line, a cork float, and a No. 6 hook, baited with a minnow or worm. You should fish in moderately quiet parts, near flood-gates or mill-heads, where there is a gentle stream.

In the East and West India Docks, many Perch are sometimes taken.

The BARBEL is found in the deepest parts of streams, by banks that project over the water, near weirs and floodgates. When you angle for barbel, you should use a ledger lead, and ground-bait plentifully with worms over night. You may fish with a heavy float, without the ledger lead.

The CHUB, when small, strongly resembles the dace; but as it grows larger, the head and mouth expand, by which it loses much of its beauty. The best bait during the winter is a piece of bullock's pilth or brains, or soft yellow cheese. In summer they rise eagerly at a fly. You will then find them in deep quiet holes and under trees that overhang the water; a humble bee, large palmer, or, towards evening, a white moth, will generally succeed.

The ROACH.—In Roach-fishing have a light rod and single hair or very fine gut. Bait with gentles or paste, and fish moderately deep. Use a patent taper quill float, hook No. 10 or 11, short shank. Do not have more than ten or twelve inches of line between the rod and the float, or you will miss a fine bite.

The DACE is a pretty, gamesome little fish, and takes small artificial flies admirably, such as black gnats, little red and black hackles, and

small winged duns. The bottom baits it takes best are small red worms, paste, and, above all, gentles. It is the best fish with which the young fly-fisher can begin the practice of his delightful art.

The CARP is a very wary fish, and takes paste, worms, boiled peas, and a variety of other baits. It is necessary to ground-bait for the Carp the night before you fish for it.

The BREAM is a very prolific fish, and bites freely at either gentles or worms. I have taken them as large as seven pounds weight in the West India Import Dock. It is a dull and cowardly fish, and does not afford much sport, except to the young angler. It takes the brown artificial moth well.

TENCH, like Carp, are found in the most still waters, but are much easier to catch than the latter-named fish. Red worms are the best baits for Tench, and you must fish close to the bottom for them.

The GUDGEON should be angled for with small bits of red worms, close to the ground, and you will much increase your sport by occasionally raking the bottom of the river.

The EEL.—In angling for this fish, the best baits are large worms. Eels are best taken with night-lines, baited with dead loaches, gudgeon, or minnows.

N.B.—C. F. is at all times happy to afford to the inexperienced all the information which he has gained by long study and practice, both as regards the tackle required for each fish, and the best way and most likely times and places for using it. He knows the best trout and salmon flies for all good rivers and for all seasons.

PLACES FOR ANGLING NEAR LONDON.

The Thames at Richmond, Twickenham, Teddington, Ditton, and Hampton, for Roach, Dace, and Barbel; Sunbury, Walton, Weybridge, Chertsey, Penton-brook, and Laleham, for Trout, Pike, and Barbel; Datchet, Eton, Maidenhead, Cookham, Marlow, and Pangbourne, for Trout, Pike, Perch, Barbel, and Chub. Rivers Lea, Colne, Wandle, Mole, Cray, and Brent, for Pike, Barbel, Roach, Dace, and Trout. The Surrey, East and West India Docks, for Pike, Perch, Chub, and Bream. The Surrey and Regent's Park Canals, Wanstead Park, Dagenham Breach, &c., for divers sorts of coarse fish.

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